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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7013

BILL NUMBER: HB 1296

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 18, 2022

BILL AMENDED: Feb 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Carbaugh

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Ford Jon

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill urges the Legislative Council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the task of:

- (1) considering legislation requiring an entity paying the medical claims of an employer's employees on behalf of the employer to provide to the employer access to claims data relating to the medical claims of the employer's employees and to provide to an employee access to claims data relating to the medical claims of the employee and the employee's dependents;
- (2) considering whether current Indiana law is sufficient to ensure transparency in the operations of multiple employer welfare arrangements (MEWAs); and
- (3) studying the difficulties an employer may encounter when beginning or attempting to discontinue participation in a MEWA.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Legislative Council could assign the topic to an existing interim study committee or establish a new interim study committee to study this topic during the next interim. Interim study committees operate on budgets established by the Legislative Council based on committee size. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$13,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members and \$17,500 for committees with 16 members or more. If the Legislative Council were to assign this topic to an existing committee and the committee were to have any extra meetings to address this topic, there would be additional expenditures for legislator per diem and travel reimbursement for the committee members. Any additional expenditures must be within the committee's budget.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: General Assembly.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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